

In Recognition of Emma Thain

WHEREAS, the Toyota Dream Car Art Contest draws from and fosters the creativity of children from around the world to express their visions of the future of mobility in the form of a hand-drawn colored poster; and

WHEREAS, Emma Thain, a talented student from Kōloa, Kauaʻi, now 12 years old, placed 2nd in Toyota Hawaiʻi's qualifying contest, representing Hawaiʻi, and was chosen as one of just three young artists to represent the United States in August, 2014's 8th Toyota Dream Car Art Contest in Japan, with contestants chosen from a field of more than 660,000 entries worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Emma Thain was awarded a trip with her family to the Toyota Dream Car Art Contest in Japan, allowing her to experience Japanese culture, tour the city of Nagoya and interact with other young artists at the contest, where her piece, titled "Construct-O-Mobile," was chosen as "Best Finalist" in the Ages 8 to 11 category; and

WHEREAS, Emma Thain's "Construct-O-Mobile" piece was praised for the creativity and ingenuity of its concept, as it depicts a car building houses for a community, each with a garden to help support a business, inspired by the work of her parents, who have designed and built homes for years while instilling in her a thoughtful ethic of compassion and commitment to all members of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 27, 2014, as

"EMMA THAIN DAY"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the heartfelt kindness and creativity she displayed in her work, while representing Hawai'i well in international competition as a budding young artist and thinker who expressed a vision of a sustainable future for the state and her Kōloa, Kaua'i community in her art.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-fifth day of September, 2014.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i